

# Press Release

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**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE, MELANIE SHELBY, RESPONDS TO  
TODAY'S COURT RULING OVERTURNING PROPOSITION 8**

OAKLAND, CA, AUGUST 4, 2010: Oakland City Council Candidate and Marriage Equality Advocate, Melanie Shelby, responds to today's court ruling in Perry v. Schwarzenegger regarding the legality of Proposition 8. "I am extremely happy by today's court ruling, and am well aware that the struggle for marriage equality is far from over. While the courts continue to decide on the fate of same-sex marriage, people across California continue to grapple with its moral and legal implications. Like many Californians, I myself have undergone an evolution of thinking in regards to marriage equality. With 51% of my fellow Californians, many of whom originally voted in favor of Proposition 8, I too am now supporting same-sex marriage, and am pleased that the movement towards marriage equality continues to grow stronger each day. I am proud to partner with Equality California, and other LGBT advocates to share the story of my

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evolution by reaching out to my community in an effort to change hearts and minds"

Melanie added, "I continue to stand with those who are fighting for Marriage Equality through our court system. We have always depended on our courts to uphold the rights of disenfranchised communities. I am committed to continuing on with this fight, and lend my full support to this movement and achieving marriage equality and equal protection under the law for all."